

City of Glendale FIRE DEPARTMENT

Office of Public Information www.glendalefire.com



"Community First"

Press Release

CONTACT: Brandy Villanueva Office: (818) 548-4800 Fax: (818) 547-1031

Email: bvillanueva@glendaleca.gov

Mountain Rescues 1601 W. Mountain Ave. Incident #GLN1417666 12/20/14 4:02 p.m.

Brand Park Mountain Rescue

On Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 4:02 p.m., 5 Glendale Fire units (1 Battalion Chief, 1 engine company, 1 truck company, 1 urban search and rescue company, and 1 basic life support ambulance), along with one truck company from Burbank, one Los Angeles County Rescue Helicopter, one Glendale Police Department Airship and several Glendale police units responded to a mountain rescue located at Brand Park in the City of Glendale. Battalion Chief Ron Gulli managed the incident utilizing the unified command structure in coordination with the Glendale Police Department.

Glendale Engine 27 arrived first on scene and began the trek up a fire road to the reported location of five lost hikers. Glendale firefighters hiked up steep terrain to try to locate the hikers with the guidance of Glendale Police Department's airship. The hikers were located in a deep ravine off cemetery trail. Because of their location, the cold temperatures and the darkness, a Los Angeles County rescue helicopter was dispatched to the scene. The rescue team hoisted all five of the hikers out of the ravine and brought them to safety. None of the hikers were injured.

The Glendale Fire Department encourages residents to bring water, a light snack and a charged cell phone with them when hiking on the trails of Brand Park. Additionally, persons hiking the trails should always stay on the trails to prevent getting lost.

The mission of the Glendale Fire Department is to protect life and property by providing the highest level of service to the community. For more information about the Glendale Fire Department, go to www.glendalefire.org.